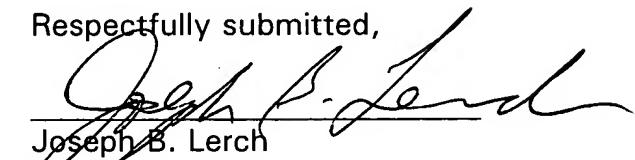


**R E M A R K S**

The claims have been amended to eliminate improper multiple dependent claims. Claims have been added to restore some of the dependencies that were deleted as a result.

Early examination on the merits is respectfully solicited.

Respectfully submitted,

  
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